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IN RE APPLICATION OF : CONFIRMATION NO. **7512**
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SERIAL NO: 10/549,929 :
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FOR: PYROGENIC SILICON DIOXIDE :
POWDER AND DISPERSION THEREOF

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.